GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR NER
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of comprehensive policy and programmes formulated and being implemented by Government for infrastructural development in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) the details of projects undertaken by Government for execution in NER during the last three years, year-wise, project-wise and State wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE SATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) For the overall development, including infrastructure development of the North - Eastern Region (NER), the Government of India (GoI) have announced and are following up the policy that all the Central Government Ministries/Departments (except the exempted ones) make at least 10% provision in their plan budget for NER. The unspent balances out of this mandatory provision do not lapse and are credited to the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). Under the scheme of NLCPR, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) is given a budgetary provision from "the pool" for infrastructure development in the North - Eastern States. Projects sanctioned include the Power sector (Generation, Transmission and Distribution),Roads and Bridges, Irrigation, Education, Health, Water Supply,Sports etc. In addition, the North-Eastern Council (NEC), which is a statutory body, also sanctions infrastructure development projects for the region. Besides, the North - Eastern States, are categorized as Special Category States by GoI. The schemes of DONER are funded on a 90:10 (grant: loan) basis as per the special policy dispensations. The Government of India, through Ministry of Commerce has approved a package of fiscal incentives and other concessions for the North Eastern Region in the 'North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007'.This package has come into effect from 1.4.2007 for a period of ten years.

(b) The State-wise, year-wise lists of projects sanctioned under NLCPR scheme during last three years are available on the Ministry's website www.mdoner.gov.in. and details of projects undertaken in the North Eastern Region under NEC Plan during the last 3 years,project - wise and State − wise, are available on the website of NEC viz. www.necouncil.gov.in.